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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 12 June regarding the petitions committee's consideration of the petition in respect of Fracking, and what research and independent advice the Welsh Government has received.

The Welsh Government has considered the findings of a number of published research papers including the June 2012 review of the scientific and engineering evidence on hydraulic fracturing as a means to extract shale gas in the UK, undertaken by the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society.

Natural Resources Wales are currently working with the Environment Agency who have commissioned research into unconventional gas, specifically the 'Monitoring and Control of Fugitive Methane from Unconventional Gas Operations' and a 'Review of Assessment Procedures for Shale Gas Well Casing'.

Energy Policy officials continue to engage with geological specialists including the British Geological Survey on unconventional gas matters and are currently considering the commissioning of bespoke research into unconventional gas extraction and development which would include hydraulic fracturing.

As I stated in my previous letter of the 7th May 2013, my officials continue to engage with the UK Government and the respective agencies to ensure robust and consistent evidence is developed, and are also keeping under review the need to produce new planning guidance as this evidence comes forward.

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